

Meeting the Needs of Our Vulnerable Populations

Stoltz Elected Co-Chair of Regional Mental Health Consortium

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Michael Stoltz, LCSW, of Smithtown, C.E.O. of the Association for Mental Health and Wellness, based in Ronkonkoma, has been elected Co-Chair of the Long Island Regional Planning Consortium (RPC), a part of the New York State Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors.

In this role, Mr. Stoltz will help facilitate collaboration that promotes problem solving and system improvement for the integration of mental health, addiction treatment services, and physical health-care on Long Island.

"I am proud to have this opportunity to help identify and prioritize the healthcare needs of Nassau and Suffolk counties," commented Mr. Stoltz. "Services that are data informed, person and family centered, cost efficient, and results in improved overall health for adults and children are vital to all members of our communities."

"Michael Stoltz will be a superb addition to our leadership team," said Michael Hoffman, the Long Island RPC Coordinator. "He is an innovative thinker with a broad scope of knowledge and experience within the behavioral health community and I am confident that he will make



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great contributions to the region and the state in this new role."

Stoltz will serve as co-chair alongside James R. Dolan, Jr., DSW, LCSW, Acting Commissioner of the Nassau County Department of Human Services. "I am pleased to partner with Michael Stoltz as co-chair of the Long Island Regional

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Planning Consortium," said Mr. Dolan. "He is sure to make invaluable contributions to the effort of assuring that those with behavioral health needs have access to the highest quality of care possible."

The Long Island RPC is one of a network of 11 regional boards comprised of stakeholders who work closely with state agencies to guide behavioral health policy in the region, problem solve regional service delivery challenges, and recommend priorities for reinvestment of Medicaid savings. Additional information on the RPC can be found at <http://clmhd.org>.

The Association for Mental Health and Wellness (MHAW), a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation based in Ronkonkoma, NY, provides programs, services, and advocacy for people facing mental health challenges with an enhanced focus on serving military Veterans.

MHAW dates back to 1955 with the incorporation of the Mental Health Association in Suffolk County (MHA Suffolk). In 1990, Clubhouse of Suffolk was launched, providing a wide array of vocational rehabilitation services and recovery programs. With the growing need to provide services for Veterans with PTSD and other battle-related brain injuries, Clubhouse merged with MHA Suffolk and Suffolk County United Veterans in 2014 to form the Association for Mental Health and Wellness.

MHAW is committed to the core practice values of empowerment, hope, opportunity, and cultural competence. All of the agency's direct service workers are trained in the importance of addressing health from trauma-informed and whole person perspectives with enriched understanding of the social and economic conditions that contribute to physical and mental health and substance abuse.